Reply of Government.—This is not feasible.

Subject No. 95.

Severity of punishment under the new Forest Regulation.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab.

Summary of Representation.—The punishments to which offenders are liable under the new Forest Rules are very severe and the people are put to great loss. It is therefore prayed that the same may be modified and the scale of punishment adopted in the old Forest Rules enforced. All the forest products required by raiyats have been included under "Reserved".

Mr. Sivappa represented that (1) nearly every tree had been reserved and so firewood was hard to get. (2) Matti was the only tree available for agricultural implements. It should be removed from the list of reservations. (3) Seegé in kans and private holdings was not allowed to be removed without a permit from the Forester. Formerly the Shekdar used to grant *Rahadaris* (4) In Bombay the fee for grazing had been reduced to 2 annas; our rates were 4 to 8 annas. These should be reduced. (5) Punishments under the present law were excessive and included imprisonment. They should be reduced.

Reply of Government.—Shekdars will be authorized to grant permits to remove forest produce in Hiduvali lands. The question of reducing the number of classified trees will be considered. Matti will be included in the classified list. On other matters, nothing can be done.

Subject No. 96.

Prohibition of sale of dried trees in occupied Kans by Government.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Although dried trees and wood standing in occupied kans are the property of the occupant, they are sold by the Taluk authorities and the sale proceeds credited to Government. Orders for non-interference by the authorities in such cases are prayed for.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 95.

Subject No. 97.

Trees in the reserved list to be transferred to the classified list.

Mr. Y. Subba Rao, Sagar.

Summary of Representation.—Nandi, honne, matti, and hebbalsu were first added to the list of reserved trees. Jambe, jalari etc., were subsequently added to the said list. It is solicited that the latter kinds of trees may be removed from the reserved class and added on to the list of classified trees.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 95.

Subject No. 98.

Removal of tax on fuel from private holdings.

Mr. Linge Gauda of Nagavala, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Fuel taken to Mysore by raiyats from their private lands is taxed a license fee of 4 annas like the fuel brought from State Forests. The levy of such a tax for fuel brought from private lands is contrary to the standing orders of the Government. Distinct orders on the subject may be published in the local Gazette and thus the poor raiyats may be freed from molestation.

Reply of Government.—Removal of head loads of fuel does not require any license. As regards cart loads, there is some difficulty in distinguishing whether the fuel has been brought from District forests or private lands. Patels will be empowered to issue free licenses for fuel removed

Reply of Government.—The Conservator of Forests will be requested to consider the necessary relief measure and submit a report to Government.

Subject No. 328.

Reserving Arsikere tank for supplying water to the town.

Mr. Balavanta Rao.

Summary of Representation.—As there is scarcity for drinking water at Arsikere, the water in the Arsikere tank may be reserved solely for that purpose.

The Railway well in the bed draws off the water.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner and the Chief Engineer will be asked to enquire into the matter, and submit a report on the subject. Enquiry will also be made as to why a well was allowed to be sunk so near as to drain off most water from the tank.

Subject No. 329.

Construction of the Hirekatte Vaddu of Nerlige.

Mr. Balavanta Rao.

Summary of Representation.—The construction of the Vaddu brings a large area of dry lands under wet cultivation. Early orders for constructing the Vaddu may therefore be passed.

Reply of Government.—Will be investigated in the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 330.

Annachattram at Banawar to be transferred to Arsikere.

Mr. Balavanta Rao.

Summary of Representation.—The town of Arsikere is an important Railway Station and good many travellers halt here. The want of an Annachattram is greatly felt by the poor travellers. Therefore orders may be passed for transferring the chattram at Banawar, where there will not be so many travellers, to Arsikere.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No 331

Extending the Anglo-Vernacular School building at Arsikere.

Mr. Balavanta Rao.

Summary of Representation.—The present school building is a small one and does not afford sufficient room for the different classes. It is therefore requested that orders may be passed for extending the same.

Reply of Government.—The Inspector-General of Education will consider this want.

Subject No. 332.

Extension of roads.

Mr. Balavanta Rao.

Summary of Representation.—Great inconvenience is caused to holders of lands under the Changarvallikatte and its extension and north channel of Sreeramadevaru dam for removing crop, etc., from their fields and for taking manure there, for want of a road. It is therefore requested that the road from Settihalli to Kattaya may be extended as far as Hole-Narsipur and then continued on the bund of the north channel as far as Chamarayapatna-Narsipur road. By so doing the difficulty of fording the river at several places will be avoided; a straight road from Chamarayapatna touching Hole-Narsipur and passing over the bridge there will pass through Gorur on to Coorg *via* Settihalli.

Reply of Government.—Matter for District Board. The Chief Engineer will also investigate and obtain a report in the interest of paddy growers.